

Docker Commands Handout

Common Docker Commands

Command	Explanation
<code>docker version</code>	Displays Docker client and server version information
<code>docker info</code>	Shows detailed information about Docker installation
<code>docker login</code>	Log in to a Docker registry
<code>docker logout</code>	Log out from a Docker registry

Docker Image Commands

Command	Explanation
<code>docker images</code>	Lists all images available locally
<code>docker pull <image:tag></code>	Downloads an image from a Docker registry
<code>docker push <image:tag></code>	Uploads an image to a Docker registry
<code>docker build -t <name:tag> .</code>	Builds an image using the Dockerfile located in the current directory, tagging it with the provided name and tag
<code>docker rmi <image_id></code>	Removes an image by its ID
<code>docker tag <image:tag> <new_tag></code>	Adds a new tag to an existing image
<code>docker images -f reference='*:<tag>'</code>	Lists images matching a specific tag

Container Management Commands

Command	Explanation
<code>docker ps</code>	Lists running containers
<code>docker ps -a</code>	Lists all containers (running and exited)
<code>docker ps -f status=running</code>	List all running containers
<code>docker ps -f status=exited</code>	List all containers with status of exited
<code>docker run <image></code>	Runs a container from a specified image
<code>docker run -d <image></code>	Runs a container in detached (background) mode
<code>docker run -it <image></code>	Runs a container in interactive mode
<code>docker start <container_id></code>	Starts an existing stopped container
<code>docker stop <container_id></code>	Stops a running container
<code>docker restart <container_id></code>	Restarts a container
<code>docker rm <container_id></code>	Removes a stopped container
<code>docker exec -it <container_id> <command></code>	Runs a command inside a running container interactively
<code>docker logs <container_id></code>	Fetches logs from a container
<code>docker rm -f \$(docker ps -aq)</code>	Forcefully stop and remove ALL containers

Multi-Stage Build Commands

Command	Explanation
<code>docker build -t <name:tag> -f <Dockerfile> .</code>	Builds an image using a specific Dockerfile
<code>FROM <image> AS <alias> (Dockerfile)</code>	Defines an intermediate stage with an alias
<code>COPY --from=<alias> <src> <dest> (Dockerfile)</code>	Copies files from one stage to another in a multi-stage build

Docker Network Commands

Command	Explanation
<code>docker network ls</code>	Lists all Docker networks
<code>docker network create <network_name></code>	Creates a new Docker network
<code>docker network inspect <network_name></code>	Shows detailed information about a network
<code>docker network connect <network> <container></code>	Connects a container to a network
<code>docker network disconnect <network> <container></code>	Disconnects a container from a network
<code>docker network rm <network_name></code>	Removes a Docker network

Docker Compose Commands

Command	Explanation
<code>docker compose up</code>	Builds and starts containers defined in compose file
<code>docker compose up -d</code>	Runs containers in detached mode
<code>docker compose down</code>	Stops and removes containers and networks
<code>docker compose build</code>	Builds images defined in the compose file
<code>docker compose logs</code>	Displays logs of containers managed by Docker Compose
<code>docker compose ps</code>	Lists containers managed by Docker Compose
<code>docker compose exec <service> <cmd></code>	Executes a command inside a running container
<code>docker compose restart</code>	Restarts containers managed by Docker Compose